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	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	<b>Robert S. Hinds</b>
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	<b>Application Number</b>	
	<b>Filing Date</b>	<b>Jun 19 03</b>
	<b>Art Unit</b>	<b>3764</b>
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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**Strap Interconnection Adjusting Assembly**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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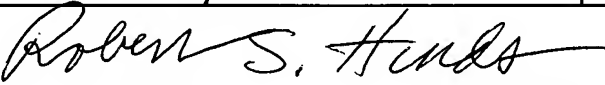
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